



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Jon Elliot Adler

Group Art Unit: 1646

Application Serial No. 09/822,672

Examiner: M. Brannock

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Title: T2R TASTE RECEPTORS AND GENES ENCODING SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated July 2, 2002, Applicants elect with traverse Group 1, Claims 1-53, 78-80, 82-84, 125-133, directed to polynucleotides, and elect species T2R61 for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election of species requirement on the basis that all human T2R species have conserved sequences and function, i.e., all are involved in bitter taste sensation. Therefore, upon a determination that the elected species is allowable, Applicants request that the search be extended to other T2R nucleic acid sequences.

If the Examiner has any questions in connection with this Election, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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